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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS: MEETING WITH  
DR. GIRGIS A. MARZOUK, ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECA

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR HUMMEL AND ECON/COMM COUNSELOR WILSON, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON DR. GIRGIS A. MARZOUK, ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ECA, ON JUNE 30. (THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DR. ADEDEJI, IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING THE ECOSOC MEETING IN GENEVA). DAVIS OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THE US PLACES ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA AND THE USG'S APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE ECA PLAYS IN CONTRIBUTING TO THAT DEVELOPMENT. HE RAISED US CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN STAFFING THE KIGALI UNDAT, INQUIRED ABOUT THE ROLE OF ECA IN THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND EMPHASIZED THE USG'S HOPE THAT AN ATTITUDE OF COOPERATION AND COMPROMISE WILL PREVAIL DURING THE SESSION. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT SPEECHES ON ECONOMIC MATTERS RECOGNIZED THE CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND UNDERLINED THE USG'S WILLINGNESS TO

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LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE VIEWS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON

MATTERS SUCH AS COMMODITY PRICES.

2. DR. MARZOUK RESPONDED BY EXPRESSING ECA'S GREAT APPRECIATION FOR PREVIOUS AND CURRENT US ASSISTANCE. WITH RESPECT TO THE UNDATS, HE NOTED THAT THE UNDATS IN YAOUNDE, NIAMEY AND LUSAKA MAY HAVE TO BE DISCONTINUED AT THE END OF THIS CALENDER YEAR IF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THEM IS NOT FOUND. DR. ADEDEJI, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK, HOPED TO FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THEM. IF THE REQUIRED FUNDING IS NOT FOUND, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ECA TO START A NEW UNDAT IN KIGALI. DR. MARZOUK ASKED IF THE US MIGHT CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR UNDATS IF DR. ADEDEJI CAN STRAIGHLEN OUT "CURRENT DIFFICULTIES" AND "PREVIOUS MISTAKES". HE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH AMBASSADOR HUMMEL AFTER DR. ADEDEJI HAD FOCUSED ON THE UNDATS PROGRAM. MOVING ON TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, DR. MARZOUK' OBSERVED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A NEW INTERNAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; DR. ADEDEJI WILL MAKE THIS POINT IN HIS SPEECH AT THE ECOSOC MEETING. HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR A COOPERATIVE AND CGNUTRUCTIVE ATOMOSPHERE AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE DESIRABILITY OF LIMITING THE AGENDA TO THOSE ITEMS WHERE AREAS OF CONSENSUS BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS ARE BEGINNING TO EMERGE. OTHER MORE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES SHOULD BE LEFT TO FUTURE SESSIONS. AMONG THOSE ISSUES WHERE PROGRESS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, DR. MARZOUK MENTIONED METHODS OF MODERATING WIDE FLUCTUATIONS IN COMMODITY PRICES, A LARGER IMF ROLE IN COMPENSATORY FINANCE FOR LDCS AFFECTED BY LARGE SAVINGS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE SO-CALLED "THRID WINDOW" OF THE WORLD BANK. DR. MARZOUK ALSO MENTIONED THE LOME CONVENTION AS EMBODYING PRINCIPALS THAT COULD SERVE AS GUIDES FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DCS AND LDCS.

3. DAVIS EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR DR. MARZOUK'S PRESENTATION AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE BACK TO WASHINGTON DR. MARZOUK'S VIEWS REGARDING THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND RELATED MATTERS. HUMMEL

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